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Public-service union brings protest to PM's office

Budget. Follows the announcement that thousands of PSAC members could lose jobs



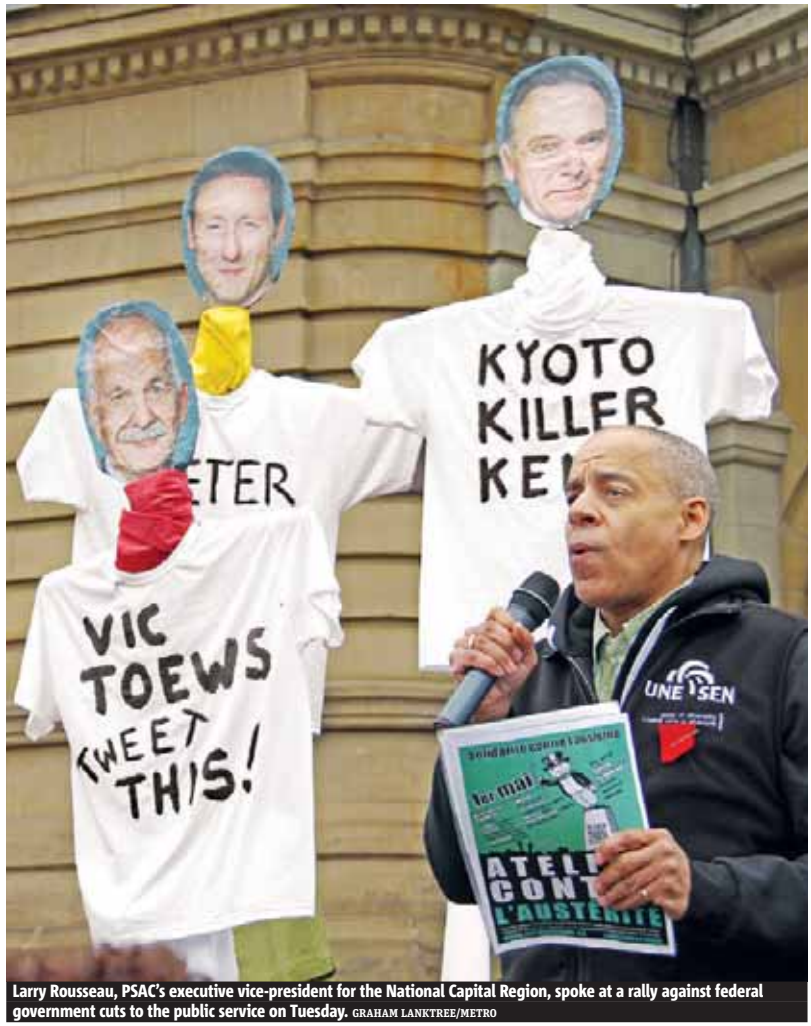
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Thousands of students, citizens and members of the Public Service Alliance of Canada gathered Tuesday outside the Prime Minister's Office to rally against the austerity cuts in the March 29 federal budget. "When you destroy public services you destroy Canada," Larry Rousseau, PSAC's executive VP for the National Capital Region, shouted to a cheering

crowd. "All we do is provide good-quality public services." The march followed of Monday's announcement that 3,872 PSAC members across 10 departments could lose their jobs. So far, more than 11,957 PSAC workers across 40 agencies have found out their jobs are on the line since the budget was announced. "I'm a front-line worker with Veterans Affairs," said Helena Potter, a PSAC worker whose jobs is threatened. "I don't see how these federal budget cuts will help veterans or allow us to provide better service." The May Day demonstration began at 11:30 at Confederation Park, where union members were joined by Occupy Ottawa protesters and other activists.

Potter, who drove 358 kilometres from North Bay to be at the rally with her son, says she brought him to show "that sometimes you just have to step up and say no." "I don't want to see our veterans without access to essential services," she said, adding her message to government: "See you on voting day." Ottawa resident Robert Fox said he turned out to speak up against what he sees as growing inequality in Canada and around the world. "I think it's important to notice that the world isn't functioning as it should be," he said. "We need change."

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Larry Rousseau, PSAC's executive vice-president for the National Capital Region, spoke at a rally against federal government cuts to the public service on Tuesday. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

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# Centretown dog owner warns of potential poison

**Pets.** Woman spurred into action after finding dead squirrels on her property

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A dog owner in Centretown posted about 25 flyers in her neighbourhood Sunday warning residents to be careful of poison she believes may be lingering on the ground.

Jenny Bruce said she found dead squirrels in her yard last week and was told by the Ottawa Humane Society they were poisoned. She said blood had oozed out of their mouths and nostrils.

Internal bleeding is a common symptom of poison used for rodents.

The grisly discovery prompted her to post flyers on lampposts near her home to warn dog and cat owners.

She doesn't know how the four squirrels came in contact with whatever killed them, but wants to keep others alert.

"I've been living here for eight years on and off and nearly everyone in this neighbourhood has a dog or a cat," Bruce said Tuesday while walking her goldendoodle.

Wes Hammersley noticed the flyers Tuesday while walking his dachshund. He said it's upsetting to hear someone may be using poison to kill animals.

"I'm going to be more vigilant," he said.

Bruce said if someone wants to keep squirrels out of their garden, they should consider natural methods, such as using cayenne pepper.

"It was certainly not my intention to panic people, but it was more to alert whoever did it and also for (pet owners)," Bruce said.

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Jenny Bruce put up these flyers in her neighbourhood Sunday warning pet owners of a possible poisoning risk.  
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On the web

## Rethinking the rules on exotic animals

After last year's chilling slaughter of more than two dozen tigers, leopards and lions by a suicidal owner of an exotic animal farm in Ohio, lawmakers are rethinking the rules. In some states, it's easier to buy a tiger or lion from a breeder than it is to adopt a kitten from a shelter. Get the full story and video at [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)

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The instructions are simple: Hold up an old photo in front of the place where it was originally shot, take a picture of the picture, then write a dedication about what the photo means to you. Scan the code for more on the web phenomenon.

# Good Samaritans help douse church fire



Firefighters contain a blaze at the front doors of the Parkdale United Church Tuesday morning.  
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Passersby helped extinguish a fire with coffee and other drinks at the front entrance of the Parkdale United Church Tuesday morning, Ottawa Fire Services said.

OFS received a 911 call at 7:48 a.m. from a person who reported flames coming from the main doors of the church at 429 Parkdale Ave.

OFS spokesperson Marc Messier said two men attempted to stop the blaze with their morning beverages and a fire extinguisher before fire crews arrived.

When they arrived, firefighters forced the doors open and removed them to gain access to the structure and finish putting out the fire.

Some of the bricks also had to be removed to prevent the fire from spreading into the building.

The inside of the church sustained minor smoke damage and water damage to a lower-level room below the door area. Damages to the church are estimated at \$20,000.

Messier said a structural engineer assessed the damaged brick work and a trench rescue unit will reinforce the front entrance to prevent any collapsing.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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# Jolt on your power bill not just because of green energy initiatives: Ministers

## Hydro rate hikes.

Ontario energy problems result of 'pioneering changes,' provincial ministers tell Ottawa conference



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Opposition politicians slammed the McGuinty government for Hydro rate hikes at Queen's Park Tuesday, but in Ottawa the two ministers closest to the issue were able to explain the government's energy policy to a slightly more sympathetic crowd.

The new rates mean a typical household using 800 kilowatt hours a month will see an increase of nearly \$6 to its bill,

while consumers using smart meters will see an increase of about \$4.

At Queen's Park Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak blamed the government's green energy policies for the rise in rates. "We're on the wrong path. We just can't afford to keep paying 10 times the price of power for wind and solar," he said.

Minister of Energy Chris Bentley said only five per cent of the rate hike is due to the green energy program — and the rest is for upgrades and modernization of the energy system.

He and Brad Duguid, the former minister of energy and current economic development and innovation minister, spoke about the "Global Green Economy" at a conference at the Chateau Laurier hosted by the Sustainable Prosperity think-tank and the University of Ottawa.

Duguid and Bentley said the province's Green Energy Act will end Ontario's dependence on coal for electricity by 2014 and is bringing green technology investment to the province.

In response to tough questions from conference participants, they acknowledged problems the program has faced — including community opposition to nuclear and wind power, technical issues with intermittent power generation and the lack of a cap-and-trade program.

Duguid blamed the problems on Ontario being among the first jurisdictions to shift away from coal.

"These are pioneering changes and you know you're going to have challenges you're going to meet," he said.

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Ontario Minister of Energy Chris Bentley, right, takes questions at a conference about the "Global Green Economy" at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier as Brad Duguid, the former Ontario minister of energy and current economic development and innovation minister, looks on. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

## Share what you have, say Startup Weekend winners Moochable.co



Jeremy Schembri, David Rust-Smith, Tyler Nechiporenko and Kyle Sergeant took first place at Startup Weekend Ottawa for their online community Moochable.co. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

Three newly minted online Ottawa-based businesses have emerged victorious from a weekend-long event where 50 entrepreneurs with software, design and business backgrounds raced to create new web-based services.

At the sold-out Startup Weekend Ottawa event last Friday, attendees pitched 31 ideas to the group and the top 10 became new businesses that teams would work on for the rest of the weekend, said the event's organizer Cheryl Draper.

Only three walked away with the top prizes Sunday night, with first place going to the site Moochable.co, a new online community that helps users share their belongings with people nearby.

"My dad is always complaining about not being able

to use tools like a miter saw, which, if he bought (one), it would sit in his basement," said David Rust-Smith, the team's founder and leader. "How great would it be if we came up with a site where you can share the stuff you have and borrow from the people around you?"

Rust-Smith said that the free site will allow users to rate and recommend items they borrow.

"If you're new to a community, it's a good way to meet your neighbours," said Kyle Sergeant, one of the team's members, who noted the service would be a boon to tight-knit communities of car enthusiasts who could share specific tools, or new moms who could swap baby gear.

The team walked away with prizes such as nine months of free office space, legal advice and online courses from ud-

emy.com to help them launch their business.

Second- and third-place winners took home similar prizes, but their businesses were of a different nature. Second-place winner Foodicus allows fast-food, take-out and food-truck customers to place their orders ahead of time and pre-pay, avoiding lineups.

Third-place winner Virtual Plaza is a shopping system that allows people to buy products by scanning bar codes from print ads and posters.

"It was a great, great experience and I'm glad to hear Cheryl is bringing it back in November," said Foodicus founder Myles Foster. "There's a lot of entrepreneurs in this city and it's an excellent gateway to bring similarly minded people together."

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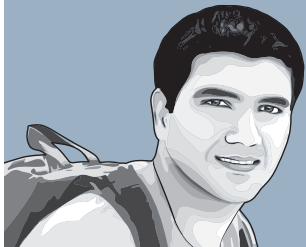
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Ottawa-based impaired speedskater Kevin Frost. JOE LOFARO/METRO

# Local deaf-blind speedskater off to championship

**Skating towards a dream.** Race in Scotland key to impaired speedskating gaining official status as Paralympic sport



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Ottawa athlete Kevin Frost almost seems more concerned with raising awareness of impaired speedskating than winning gold medals.

The deaf-blind speedskater, who suffers from Usher Syndrome, will represent Canada at the Impaired Skating Championship in Scotland on May 12 and hopes to help raise awareness about getting the sport recognized as an official Paralympic sport.

More countries need to practise impaired skating

before the International Paralympic Committee will consider adopting it.

"If I can get another 10 people who come from different countries, that's a gold medal to me."

Frost has been training for seven years, but it hasn't been easy. He describes his vision as akin to looking through two plastic straws and sound has to hit 90 decibels in order for him to hear it. Yet that doesn't stop him from training and enjoying other sports.

"At the beginning it was very difficult, but with anything in life, when you do 1,000 laps, you get the hang of things," said Frost in the middle of a training session at the Bob MacQuarrie Recreation Complex in Orleans.

The race in Scotland is a key step in his mission to get countries, including Canada, on board to raise awareness about impaired speedskating, attract new skaters and have the sport

## Path to Paralympics?

- Kevin has been on a seven-year journey to become a Paralympic speedskater. He hopes the sport will be part of the Games in 2014.
- The Canadian Paralympic Committee will not consider speedskating a Paralympic sport until a minimum of eight countries adopt the sport and hold a minimum of two world championships.

sanctioned as part of the Paralympics.

To help fund his accommodations in Scotland, Topers Pizza at 5497 Jeanne D'Arc Blvd. in Orleans is throwing a fundraiser Wednesday and will donate \$4 for every large pizza sold.

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# Visually impaired runners to join in on Ottawa Race Weekend

For the first time in the 38 years of the Ottawa Race Weekend, blind and visually impaired runners will have their own category in the 10-kilometre race, organizers announced Tuesday.

The creation of a new category will allow athletes with vision loss to compete against their peers, said Jan Ditchfield, founder of Won with One, which supports blind and visually impaired triathletes.

"It really celebrates the athletic ability of everybody," she said.

Organizers are hoping about 60 runners — 30 athletes with vision loss and their guides — will take part, up from the 20 who ran last year, Ditchfield said.

The Ottawa Race Weekend also offering free registration to sighted guides who accompany the runners.

Two local groups for runners with vision loss — Won with One and Achilles Ottawa — still have spots open



Blind runner Jon Dunkerly, left, takes off from the starting blocks at the Canadian National Track and Field Championships with a guide. Dunkerly is running in the Ottawa Race Weekend. CONTRIBUTED

for blind or visually impaired runners to join in the 10-kilometre race on Saturday, May 26.

Visit [wonwithone.com](http://wonwithone.com) or [achillesottawa.ca](http://achillesottawa.ca) for more info.

JESSICA SMITH/METRO

**Defence rests**

## Lawyers' closing arguments loom as Stafford trial nears completion

The trial of the man accused of killing eight-year-old Victoria Stafford is now poised to hear closing arguments.

Defence lawyer Dirk Derstine has finished presenting evidence on behalf of his client, Michael Rafferty.

All that remains is for each side to deliver its closing statements, after which Superior Court Judge Thomas Heeney will give his charge to the jury.

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**Alleged deadly beating**

## Manitoba soldier pleads guilty to manslaughter

A Manitoba-based soldier accused of beating Duane John Lacquette to death has pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

Jason John Ouimet was a gunner at Canadian Forces Base Shilo.

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## Key legal victory for most injured veterans

Veteran John Labelle goes through security screening at Federal Court in Halifax in November. A Federal Court ruling that Ottawa should stop clawing back disability benefits from former Canadian Forces members is a key legal victory for some of the country's most injured veterans, their lawyers say. The veterans, who launched a class-action lawsuit against the federal government, argued last November that the benefits were being unjustly clawed back because the payments were unfairly deemed as income. In a decision released Tuesday, Judge Robert Barnes agreed that the monthly Veterans Affairs pensions aren't "income benefits."

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# Black to come back after all

## Surprise move.

Ministry grants temporary-resident permit to disgraced mogul, saying he's no threat to public

Former media tycoon Conrad Black has been granted permission to live in Canada when he is released from a Florida prison Friday after serving time for obstruction of justice and fraud.

The Department of Citizenship and Immigration has authorized a one-year temporary-resident permit for Black that starts in early May, a source confirmed.

The permit was granted on the grounds that he poses no threat to the Canadian public, a source familiar with the matter told the paper.

The 67-year-old Montreal



Conrad Black, who renounced his Canadian citizenship, will be allowed return here on a special permit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

native renounced his Canadian citizenship in 2001 after being offered a peerage in Britain's House of Lords.

Black's two convictions make him criminally inadmissible for residency in Canada. But his temporary-resident permit circumvents this.

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## End of an era? Cuba mulls ending travel restrictions

After controlling the comings and goings of its people for five decades, communist Cuba appears on the verge of a momentous decision to lift many travel restrictions. One senior official says a "radical and profound" change is weeks away.

The comment by Parliament Chief Ricardo Alarcon has residents, exiles and policy makers abuzz with speculation that the much-hated exit visa could be a thing of the past, even if Raul Castro's government continues to limit the travel of doctors, scientists, military personnel and others in sensitive roles to prevent a brain drain.

Other top Cuban officials have cautioned against over-excitement, leaving islanders and Cuba experts to wonder how far Havana's leaders are willing to go.

In the past 18 months, Castro has removed prohibitions on some private enterprises, legalized real estate and car

### Exit visa

- **Open doors.** The move would open the door to increased emigration and make it easier for Cubans overseas to avoid forfeiting their residency rights, a fate that has befallen waves of exiles since the 1959 revolution.
- **Travel abroad.** It could also bolster the number of Cubans who travel abroad for work, increasing earnings sent home in the short term and, ultimately, investment by a new moneyed class.

sales, and allowed compatriots to hire employees, ideas that were long anathema to the government's Marxist underpinnings.

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### Netherlands

## Weed-sale ban partially in effect

A policy barring foreign tourists from buying marijuana in the Netherlands went into effect in parts of the country Tuesday, with attention focused on the southern city of Maastricht, where a cafe was warned over violating the ban and around 200 smokers marched in protest.

Weed is technically illegal in the Netherlands, but it has been sold openly for decades in small amounts in designated cafes known as "coffee shops" under the country's famed tolerance policy. Under a government policy change, as of May 1, only holders of a "weed pass" are supposed to be allowed to purchase the drug in three southern provinces. Non-residents aren't eligible for the pass, which means tourists are effectively banned. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Questions still remain over who facilitated bin Laden's stay in Pakistan

**Security forces.** No answers from Pakistan one year after the U.S. raid that killed world's most wanted terrorist

One year since U.S. commandos flew into this Pakistani army town and killed Osama bin Laden, Islamabad has failed to answer tough questions over whether its security forces were protecting the world's most wanted terrorist.

Partly as a result, fallout from the raid still poisons relations between Washington and Pakistan, where anti-American sentiment, support for Islamist extremism and anger at the violation of sovereignty in the operation can be summed up by a Twitter hashtag doing the rounds: #02MayBlackDay.

The Pakistani government initially welcomed the raid that killed bin Laden in his three-storey compound, but within hours the mood changed as it became clear that Pakistan's army was cut out of the operation. Any discussions over how bin Laden managed to stay undetected in Pakistan were drowned out in anger at what



A Pakistani shepherd looks on while leading his livestock along a road in Abbottabad, Pakistan, where U.S. commandos killed Osama bin Laden one year ago. MUHAMMED MUHEISEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the army portrayed as a treacherous act by a supposed ally.

That bin Laden was living with his family near Pakistan's version of West Point — not in a cave in the mountains as many had guessed — raised eyebrows in the West. The Pakistani army was already accused of play-

ing both sides in the campaign against militancy, providing some support against al-Qaida but keeping the Afghan Taliban as strategic allies.

A week after the raid, President Barack Obama said bin Laden had a "support network" in Pakistan and the

country must investigate how he evaded capture. Pakistan responded by announcing the formation of a committee to investigate bin Laden's presence in Pakistan as well as the circumstances surrounding the U.S. raid.

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# Obama in Afghanistan to sign security deal



President Barack Obama is greeted by Lt.-Gen. Curtis (Mike) Scaparrotti, and U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan Ryan Crocker as he steps off Air Force One at Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan on Tuesday. CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Barack Obama slipped into Afghanistan Tuesday night on an unannounced visit on the anniversary of the killing of 9-11 mastermind Osama bin Laden. Obama is signing an agreement cementing a U.S. commitment to the nation after the long and unpopular war comes to an end.

The partnership spells out the U.S. relationship with Afghanistan beyond 2014, covering security, economics and governance. The deal is limited in scope and essentially gives both sides political cover: Af-

ghanistan gets its sovereignty and a promise it won't be abandoned, while the U.S. gets to end its combat mission but keep a foothold in the country.

The deal does not commit the United States to any specific troop presence or spending. But it does allow the U.S. to potentially keep troops in Afghanistan after the war ends for two specific purposes: continued training of Afghan forces and targeted operations against al-Qaida, which is present in neighbouring Pakistan but has only a nominal presence inside Afghanistan.

Officials have previously said as many as 20,000 U.S. troops may remain after the combat mission ends, but that must still be negotiated. The United States does promise to seek money from Congress every year to support Afghanistan.

Obama is joining Afghan President Hamid Karzai to sign the agreement that will broadly govern the U.S. role in Afghanistan after the American combat mission stops at the end of 2014 — 13 years after it began.

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### Politics

At home, Obama's Republican opponent, Mitt Romney has retorted to the Obama campaign's suggestion that Romney might not have gone after bin Laden as Obama did.

- Obama has tried to portray inconsistency in Romney's position on the merits of targeting bin Laden.

### Alleged assault

## Strauss-Kahn lawsuit can proceed to trial: Judge

A hotel maid's sexual-assault lawsuit against Dominique Strauss-Kahn can go forward to trial, a judge ruled Tuesday, rebuffing the former International Monetary Fund leader's

diplomatic-immunity claim. Bronx state Supreme Court Justice Douglas McKeon's ruling kept alive the civil case that emerged from a May 2011 hotel-room encounter that also spurred now-dismissed criminal charges against Strauss-Kahn, then a French presidential hopeful. The episode was the first in a series of allegations about his sexual conduct that sank his political career.

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IMF head Dominique Strauss-Kahn  
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### \$1 million in debt

## 'Octomom' files for bankruptcy

"Octomom" Nadya Suleman has filed for bankruptcy, saying in a court filing that she has as much as \$1 million in debt. Suleman said in a statement that filing for bankruptcy Monday is what's best for her children. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Social media

## Facebook to users: We 'Like' organ donation

Facebook wants to help you share your organs.

Users in the United States and the U.K. can enrol as organ donors via links to official registries on the world's biggest social-networking

site, said CEO Mark Zuckerberg. The links should make it easier for people who want to donate their organs to sign up. Facebook users who are already organ donors can add that information to their profile page, now known as their timeline. Zuckerberg said his friendship with Apple Inc. co-founder Steve Jobs, who had received a liver transplant before he died last year, helped spur the idea.

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Abdul Mazid, 42, centre, whose sister is missing, anxiously watches rescuers pull out the wreckage of a ferry that capsized in the Brahmaputra River at Buraburi village in India. ANUPAM NATH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Death toll rises following India ferry disaster

**Capsized.** About 100 people were still missing as of Tuesday evening

Rescuers on Tuesday had recovered 103 bodies from a turbulent northeastern river after a heavily packed ferry capsized, saying they feared that dozens of others had been swept by the current to neighbouring Bangladesh.

The overloaded ferry overturned and broke into two pieces in stormy weather late Monday.

Abdul Mazid, a local villager, was among grieving relatives and survivors gathered on the banks of the Brahmaputra River in Assam state.

He had rushed there soon after the boat ferrying about 350 people — including his sister — capsized. Some passengers swam to safety or were rescued by villagers, but Mazid was still waiting in silence on the crowded river bank for news of his sister 24 hours later.

Rescuers said they feared that the swift-moving currents had carried dozens of bodies downstream into neighbouring Bangladesh.

The ferry was a daily service that connected several small riverside villages and islands to the main district town.

Survivors told television channels how the ferry had been packed tight with passengers and cargo, with about 150 people riding on the ferry's roof.

Hasnat Ali said that he had been on the roof as the vessel headed to shore to dock when a storm hit. The ferry was tossed about and many of those sitting with him were thrown off. Some managed to swim to shore before the ferry was dashed to pieces, he said.

Ali managed to cling to a log and was later rescued by local villagers, he said.

The accident occurred near about 350 kilometres west of the state capital, Gauhati. The area is dotted with riverside settlements and islands, and boats are the most common mode of transport. Most ferries are poorly built and often overcrowded, with little regard for safety regulations.

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## Ceasefire violations reported in Syria

The UN peacekeeping chief said Tuesday that UN military observers in Syria are reporting cease-fire violations from the government and opposition and he demanded an immediate halt to all violence. Herve Ladsous refused to say which side was responsible for the most violations. But he said the unarmed observers have documented a number of Syrian heavy weapons deployed in populated areas. Syrian forces fired mortar shells into a farming village near the Turkish border Tuesday, killing 10 people, among them two young children. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Tribunal. Libya challenges ICC's right to try Gadhafi son

The Libyan government on Tuesday formally challenged the International Criminal Court's right to try Moammar Gadhafi's son for war crimes, arguing that he should face justice on Libyan soil despite concerns he may not receive a fair trial there.

It also asked The Hague, Netherlands-based court to drop its demands to hand over Seif al-Islam Gadhafi while it considers the challenge.

The international court or ICC, is authorized by the U.N. to try war crimes committed last year as rebels fought the Gadhafi regime. It has issued an arrest warrant for the late dictator's son for allegedly kill-



Seif al-Islam Gadhafi  
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ing and persecuting civilians during the uprising.

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# U.S. feds nab 5 allegedly plotting to blow up bridge

**Turning to violence.**  
Accused plotters talked about making a statement against corporate America

Five men described by federal authorities as anarchists angry with corporate America and the government were charged Tuesday with plotting to bomb a bridge linking two wealthy Cleveland suburbs.

The men were arrested Monday night after unknowingly working with an FBI informant for months. They were charged with conspiracy and trying to bomb property used in interstate commerce.

"They talked about making a statement against corporate America and the government as some of the motivations for their actions," said U.S. Attorney Steven Dettelbach in announcing the arrests.

The alleged plotters researched explosives and obtained what they thought were C-4 explosives. The



Top row, from left, are Douglas Wright, Brandon Baxter and Anthony Hayne. Bottom row, from left, are Joshua Stafford and Connor Stevens. They are accused of plotting to blow up a bridge. FBI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

items, in fact, were harmless and the public was never at risk, because the men got the material from the informant, officials said.

All five had initial appearances Tuesday in U.S. District Court, where Magistrate Judge

Greg White ordered them jailed without bond pending a hearing Monday. The charges carry possible penalties of more than 20 years in prison.

"Love you, Connor," shouted James Stevens to his son, Connor Stevens, 20, of suburban

Berea, at the end of the hearing.

The other suspects were identified as Joshua S. Stafford, 23, and Anthony Hayne, 35, both of Cleveland, Brandon L. Baxter, 20, of nearby Lakewood, and Douglas L. Wright, 26, of Indianapolis.

The target of the plot was a bridge that carries a state highway over part of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and a picturesque scenic rail line and canal towpath in the Brecksville area, about 24 kilometres south of downtown Cleveland.

The affidavit filed in court indicated that federal authorities got help from a paid confidential source who had previous robbery and other convictions and was on probation for passing bad checks. It said the informant began making contact with the suspects in October and had recorded conversations with them over the past three months.

The men also discussed other potential targets, including a law-enforcement centre, oil wells or a cargo ship, according to the affidavit.

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## Smuggling. U.K. police arrest seven on suspicion of funding terrorism

Seven people have been arrested in Britain on suspicion of financing terrorism in Somalia by smuggling a leaf that can produce a mild high into the U.S., officials said Tuesday.

Scotland Yard said the group was arrested as part of an operation that involved Homeland Security Investigations, the investigative branch of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The operation was investigating a network suspected of illegally exporting a leaf known as khat from the U.K., where it is legal, to the U.S. and Canada, where it is a controlled substance, Scotland Yard said.

"The proceeds generated by

### Khat

- Khat is popular in East Africa and parts of the Arabian peninsula. Users chew on the leaf to induce feelings of euphoria.
- It has been illegal in the U.S. since 1993, but is still legal in many countries worldwide.

this illegal activity (were) then transferred back to Somalia," said Ross Feinstein, a spokesman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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### Terrorism

## Man convicted of plotting New York subway attack

A man was convicted Tuesday of plotting an aborted suicide mission against New York City subways in 2009 — a case that featured the

first-time testimony from admitted homegrown terrorists about al-Qaida's fixation with pulling off another attack on America soil.

A jury found Adis Medunjanin guilty of all counts for his role in a terror plot that federal authorities say was one of the closest calls since Sept. 11, 2001.

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## Market Minute

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**Natural gas:** \$2.371 US (-8.6¢)  
**Dow Jones:** 13,279.32 (+65.69)

## Auto sales

## Chrysler sales up, truck sales down

Chrysler models were again the best-selling vehicles in Canada in April as other big-name automakers reported slipping sales.

Automakers remarked on an ongoing trend in which consumers are shifting their choices from trucks to cars, hybrids and fuel-efficient vehicles amid rising gasoline prices.

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# RIM reveals new operating system

**Touting tech.** 'We're taking our time to get this right,' says CEO about improved BlackBerry 10 OS

The chief executive of Research In Motion, Thorsten Heins, stood before the developers who could play a crucial role in the company's future and gave them a first look Tuesday at the new BlackBerry 10 operating system.

The widely anticipated unveiling at its annual BlackBerry World conference centred on some awe-inspiring technological developments sandwiched between pounding club music and flashing spotlights.

The three-day showcase is intended to get fickle programmers excited about the future of RIM and developing applications for the BlackBerry 10. The Waterloo, Ont., company is struggling to recover from numerous blunders over the past year,



RIM CEO Thorsten Heins shows off a BlackBerry with the new operating system, which is still in beta testing. REINHOLD MATAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

including flagging sales, a woefully underdeveloped apps store and criticism that it hasn't released a new smartphone in ages.

"We're taking our time to make sure we get this right," Heins told developers shortly before revealing the prototype at the keynote address.

Heins, who marked his 100th day atop the smartphone maker on Tuesday, then pulled a touch-screen device from his pocket running the new OS in its beta version.

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## Analysis

## RIM takes blame for flashmob

BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion has admitted its role in organizing an anti-Apple flashmob outside a Sydney, Australia, Apple Store last week.

The stunt, which saw dozens of black-clothed people arrive outside the Sydney store in a coach bus and wave "Wake Up" signs at Apple customers inside the shop, drew criticism in the blogosphere as an "embarrassing" marketing attempt.

A number of tech-focused websites first pointed the finger at Samsung, the smartphone company known for its Apple-targeted campaigns. But Samsung denied its role in the guerrilla marketing campaign.

MacWorld Australia revealed on April 29 that it had found a Double Click URL on a Wake Up webpage that had ties to RIM Australia.

The campaign is said to be part of RIM's promotion for BlackBerry OS 10.

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## Camera

A new camera excited the conference's audience.

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# THERE ARE NO WINNERS IN THE LINGERIE FOOTBALL LEAGUE



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It wasn't easy, but I'm pretty sure I've discovered the worst idea ever spawned.

If you were going to start a Museum for Morons, this would be the cornerstone: the Lingerie

Football League.

Here's the "concept": Teams of scantily clad women play tackle football. There are seven players to a side, and in addition to shoulder pads and helmets their uniforms include garters, bras and panties.

As far as I can tell, there are no male cheerleader squads in their tighty-whities, cheering on local favourites such as the Los Angeles Temptations, Lingerie Bowl champs for three years in row, or the Philadelphia Passion, last year's losers.

## No league of their own

The sad thing is that, despite the automatic, gratuitous titillation that comes with this farce, some of the young women who play the game can actually play, and, when asked, say they would rather play in a serious league that requires clothes. But LFL is the only game in town.

Here's the thing: The LFL is too stupid to live, at least in the U.S. The league recently announced it has shut down U.S. operations to concentrate on re-opening in April 2013 (remind you of the restaurant that's shut down for "renovations?") In the meantime, the only teams on the field in 2012 will be in — wait for it — Canada.

Apparently, there are enough hosers left in the Great White North to watch women humiliate themselves for nothing. The league stopped paying players at the beginning of the 2011 season. If they get hurt in those ridiculous get-ups, tough. They pay their own health insurance, except in Canada

where you and I pay for their health care.

There are four teams set to begin the season: the BC Angels, the Toronto Triumph and, to the eternal shame of Saskatchewan, the Regina Rage and the Saskatoon Sirens. The teams will play eight games, culminating in the Canadian Lingerie Bowl the day before the Grey Cup. The CFL should sue for unwanted proximity.

The sad thing — but not the only sad thing! There's a plethora of sad things! — is that, despite the automatic, gratuitous titillation that comes with this farce, some of the young women who play the game can actually play, and, when asked, say they would rather play in a serious league that requires clothes. But LFL is the only game in town. Actually four towns. In Canada.

It will be interesting to see if any of these games are actually played. And, if they are, if anyone shows up to watch. Even the most dedicated fans of the Rage or the Angels will be hard-pressed to explain where they're going instead of mowing the lawn or power-washing the deck: "Oh, just to watch a football game played by women in their sexy lingerie. Some of the girls can, um, play."



The Toronto Triumph, in blue, host the Baltimore Charm in Lingerie Football League action at the Ricoh Coliseum in Toronto.  
VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Standing in for mom's pouch



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## Baby in a bag

### Baby wallaby bags new home

**DUNSTABLE, ENGLAND.** A tiny baby wallaby has been saved and is now being raised inside a backpack. Tilly, a seventh-month-old Bennett's wallaby, is being hand-reared by Whipsnade Zoo keepers using a rucksack and blanket as a substitute marsupium after being found out of her mother's pouch. **METRO**

## Pouch of safety

- After birth, wallabies immediately crawl into their mothers' pouches where they continue to develop after birth. As with kangaroos, young wallabies are called joeys. Even after a joey leaves the pouch, it often returns to jump in to evade danger.



Zoo staff expect Tilly to live in the bag for another two months.  
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## Bag lady

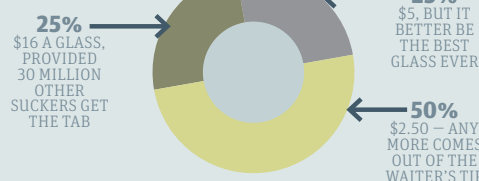
"She spends most of the day snuggled up in her rucksack with a blanket, where she's warm and safe, but has started to become more adventurous, hopping about and venturing out a bit more."

Jo Shirley, Whipsnade Zoo keeper



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## How much would you spend for an orange juice?



## Twitter

### @RichSavarie:

Woo! It's hard not to get excited about the impending return of the @CFL to #Ottawa now that the NIMBYs have been put down. Woo!

teachers who attended. Don't bully the teachers, Mr. Premier!

### @Fjola\_DJPolly:

Hey #Ottawa! New Yoga Classes! Tiny Tree Yoga: <http://t.co/IJQXoki4> via @wordpressdotcom

### @eezyeazee:

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### @EurekaTeacher:

Attended a rally at #McGuinity's #Ottawa office, amazed at # of

### @angelhealer422:

RT @max\_keeping: Women are key to fighting prostate cancer! The motorcycle @ridefordad is in 30 Cdn cities. #ottawa ride June 2. <http://t.co/HeoUQUof>



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## SCENE

## Scene in brief

**Genie's and Gemini's become one show**

Canada's top film and television awards bashes are being combined into a single televised ceremony. The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television says it is merging annual broadcasts of the Genie Awards, which salute the best in film, and the Gemini Awards, which celebrate homegrown television. Academy chair Martin Katz says the move follows "extensive industry consultation and outreach." The next gala will be a two-hour event on March 3, 2013 airing on CBC-TV. The annual Gemmeaux Awards will celebrate French-language television and digital media on Radio-Canada on Sept. 16, as previously announced. Shows currently eligible for the 2012 Gemini Awards will be part of the academy's new awards show in March 2013.

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## On the web



Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy dropped from CBC-TV fall schedule



Javier Bardem, left, stands with Daniel Craig. The two square off in the new James Bond film. DAVID DETTMAN/METRO WORLD NEWS

# Fall in love with a villain

**New Bond film.** Javier Bardem wants you to sympathize with his character as he tries to kill James Bond

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It's a dirty job trying to kill James Bond, but Javier Bardem does not believe he is the bad guy.

"Actors are the lawyers of our characters and we defend them no matter what," he smiles.

Penelope Cruz's husband is serious when he describes super-villain Raoul Silva as a "very complex character."

## Online

## Want more bond?

- **Website.** Go online to [metronews.ca/features](http://metronews.ca/features) for our complete look at 50 years of James Bond movies.

His attempt to win sympathy for the devil was inspired by Bruno Ganz's performance as Adolf Hitler in *The Downfall*.

Bardem already looks bulletproof. In 2007, the 53 year-old became the first Spaniard ever to win an Oscar, for playing psychopathic killer in *No Country For Old Men*, and his casting opposite 007 confirms his rise to Holly-

wood royalty status.

"This is only my second commercial movie, the territory is still new to me," says Bardem, who spent most of his career in low-budget, experimental cinema. "But, for me, it's the same. The set is bigger, the money is bigger, but the commitment is the same."

He has enjoyed his duel with "impressive" Daniel Craig, although Bardem did not share his rival's love of the gym, and kept in shape by eating only fish and vegetables. Although happy to play the villain, life-long Bond fan Bardem would not rule out a job swap to wear the tuxedo in future.

"I'm open, but Daniel is doing a great job."

## Spoiler alert

## Prediction time: Look out for these...

- **M dies.** A shock as the MI6 chief has been with the series since the beginning. Judi Dench has played M for seven films but rumours persist this will be the last.
- **Spy feelings.** Daniel Craig is credited with bringing more humanity to



007, and he says we "get to know him better" in *Skyfall*. Part of this involves seeing his home for the first time, and possibly discovering that he leaves all his washing up in the sink.

- **The best of both worlds.** Key scenes will take place in Asia. Bond will confront villain Silva on the Japanese Island of Hashima, and test his luck in a gorgeously designed Macau casino. But expect plenty of action in London, including an epic chase.

## CFL wide receiver. Brad Smith to seek soulmate as star of Bachelor Canada

Canadian Football League wide receiver Brad Smith will seek his soulmate as the star of *The Bachelor Canada* when it premieres in the fall.

The program will be modelled after the popular U.S. reality show *The Bachelor*.

A statement from Rogers Media describes Smith as

"driven, confident, candid and comfortable in his own skin."

It goes on to say he is attracted to women "who are independent, intelligent, and just as confident in a ponytail, sweatpants and sweatshirt as they are all dressed up for a night out on the town."

The 28-year-old athlete says he's "extremely honoured" to be chosen, adding that he takes the experience very seriously and believes in the process. Additional details, including the identity of the host and the 25 bachelor-ettes, are still to be revealed.

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CFL wide receiver Brad Smith. HANDOUT

# Meet (and re-meet) the Avengers

**Star-studded film.** Here are a few of the movies that helped shape this group of actors into stars



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The Avengers stars a group of actors who were well known before they donned the capes and mechanical suits of Iron Man, Captain America, Thor and The Hulk.

Of them, Robert Downey Jr. was the best known, while the Chrises, Evans and Hemsworth were talented up-and-comers and Mark Ruffalo was the Oscar-nominated indie king.

With the film breaking box office records in its worldwide release, it's fair to say each of these actors will now go from superheroes to superstars.

But what about before they could leap tall buildings in a single bound? (I know

that was Superman, but you get my point!) Here are some movies that helped shape this quartet of actors into stars.

## Robert Downey Jr.

Despite saying, "I know very little about acting. I'm just an incredibly gifted faker," Downey has developed into what Esquire called "the second best actor in the world."

Ten years ago, however, Downey was better known for his extracurricular activities than his films. His committed, loopy performances made him a star at a young age and netted him an Oscar nomination for playing Charlie Chaplin, but drugs and alcohol sidelined him until 2001 when, clean and sober, he rebuilt his career.

**MUST SEES:** Less Than Zero, Natural Born Killers, Chaplin, Good Night & Good Luck, Richard III.

## Chris Evans

Evans played a superhero in Fantastic Four and its sequel, but it took Captain America to make him an A-list star.

He's flip-flopped between mainstream fare like Not Another Teen Movie and edgier films like The Loss of a Tear-



Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth and Mark Ruffalo star in The Avengers. HANDOUT

drop Diamond, to "show some layers. I'm not just a superhero-action guy."

**MUST SEES:** Scott Pilgrim vs. the World, Puncture, Fierce People.

## Chris Hemsworth

Hemsworth made his Amer-

ican debut as George Kirk, father to the icon character James T. in the reboot of Star Trek.

Already a soap (Home and Away) and reality show (Dancing with the Stars) star in Australia, the muscle bound performer beat out dozens of

actors to win the role of Thor, including his own brother Liam Hemsworth.

**MUST SEES:** Cabin in the Woods, A Perfect Getaway.

## Mark Ruffalo

Early comparisons to Marlon Brando earned Ruffalo roles

in an interesting array of films. Playing Laura Linney's slacker brother in You Can Count on Me made him a star and indie film darling.

**MUST SEES:** My Life Without Me, Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, Shutter Island, The Kids Are All Right.

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John Mayer ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Singing to let it sink in: Mayer's new song about getting over Aniston

John Mayer is reportedly using *Shadow Days*, a song off his new album, to finally process the end of his relationship with Jennifer Aniston, according to *Us Weekly*.

"It really took him a long time to get over her. He really loved her a lot," a source says. "He wrote the song as

a farewell letter knowing (Jen) would hear it. Ultimately he's done a lot of self-reflection though, and he realizes they weren't right for each other."

In the video for the song, Mayer drives along a lonely desert road, singing, "I finally learned to let it go."



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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

## The Word



## Jessica finally has that baby



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Although Jessica Simpson didn't have the longest pregnancy in the world, it certainly felt like she did.

Well, the eternal wait ended yesterday with Simpson and her fiancé Eric Johnson announcing the birth (finally!) of daughter Maxwell Drew Johnson on Simpson's website.

The baby was certainly well-marinated, weighing in at 9 lbs, 13 oz. But lest Maxwell Drew get all the attention, let's look at which other celebrities popped out a baby while we were all fixated on Simpson's ever-expanding waistline.

- Maggie Gyllenhaal and Peter Sarsgaard welcomed daughter Gloria Ray on April 19 in New York City, her rep confirmed to *E!* News.

- Katherine Heigl and husband Josh Kelley ex-

panded their family and adopted another daughter, according to *People* magazine. The baby's name and other details are not yet available.

- It was announced in March that Charlize Theron adopted a baby. "She is the proud mom of a healthy baby boy named Jackson," her rep told *People* magazine.

- Simpson's ex, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo and his wife Candice Crawford welcomed their first child on April 9, his NFL teammates announced on Twitter.

The only birth to overshadow Simpson's?

- Beyoncé and Jay-Z welcoming daughter Blue Ivy Carter in January.

Of course, they are our version of royalty, whereas Jessica Simpson is a reality TV star/shoemaker who hasn't had a hit song in at least a decade.

So why all the attention on her uterus? The world may never know. For now, let's breathe a sigh of relief and enjoy this time of non-Simpson-womb-watching. That is, until the photos of Maxwell surface in the highest-bidder tabloid, say, next week.



Maggie Gyllenhaal

## Gyllenhaal welcomes baby girl after keeping mum on pregnancy

Maggie Gyllenhaal and Peter Sarsgaard welcomed their second daughter, Gloria Ray, last week, their rep confirms to *People* magazine. The pair, who married in 2009, also have a 5-year-old daughter, Ramona.

Gloria Ray was born April 19 in New York. Gyllenhaal kept mum on her pregnancy this time around as long as she could

— which wasn't easy.

"I find it difficult to pretend you're not pregnant, which I had to do," she told *USA Today* in March. "I didn't let anyone know until three-and-a-half months this time. I went to film festivals. I'm throwing up in the bathroom and having to keep pretzels in my purse, and having to fit into dresses."



Jason Segel

## Man behind Muppets wins over Williams' 6-year-old daughter

For Jason Segel, part of winning new girlfriend Michelle Williams' heart was winning over her 6-year-old daughter, Matilda, according to *Us Weekly*.

"I never thought Jason would ever date someone with a kid," a source close to the *How I Met Your Mother* star says.

"But he's taking everything in stride. He's ready to be a grown-up."

And apparently his charms are working. "Jason knows how to entertain children," the source says of the man behind the Muppets revival. "You can't be that obsessed with puppets and not learn a few things."

## Twitter



@alecbaldwin

If everyone that follows me sent me \$20, I would be able to finally have some well-deserved peace and quiet...



@BetteMidler

People, I have just recovered from being a clue in @NYTimes Crossword puzzle yesterday...



@SaraSilverman

Fun fact: despite all the dirty tweets I send, the one about this march for women has received the most hate mail



@SethMacFarlane

If you have ever pinned a "Cathy" strip to the wall of your cubicle, I am content for us to remain strangers.





Tourists look through a crack in a still-existing portion of the Berlin Wall at the main memorial. METRO WORLD NEWS

# 3

## LIFE

Travel in brief

### Last minute booking? There's an app for that

For those times when you suddenly need a hotel room but have no idea where to book, a new mobile app that launched in Canada last Thursday promises to find the best deal for a last-minute stay. According to Sam Shank, there's a multi-billion-dollar business opportunity in offering cut-rate hotel rooms with mere hours to spare.

The CEO of the mobile app HotelTonight, now available in Toronto and Vancouver, says there's big money in helping hotels clear out their inventory at the last minute. And he says needing a hotel room with no advance notice is a surprisingly common dilemma, especially among business travellers. "We're going after the spontaneous or last-minute need," says Shank, noting he doesn't recommend that thrifty travellers hold off on booking a hotel until the day of their trip. It's for "people who woke up in the morning and didn't realize they were going to need or want a hotel room. Starting at noon local time each day, users loading up HotelTonight's Apple or Android app can search for offers available that night, with the option of extending the reservation by an additional four nights.

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On the web



Website names top 50 people's choice restaurants in Canada

# 1



### Unexpectedly good aesthetic

Despite what you see in the movies, it's not all Soviet concrete (though there's a fair share) — Berlin is an interesting mix of Paris meets the Ukraine. The result is surprisingly pretty, and the city's Bauhaus School sensibility stamps industrial design, architecture, even kitchenware. Be sure to visit the Bauhaus Archiv, and then spot influences throughout the city.

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## Berlin Surprises

Think Berlin is simply a city of bad graffiti and raves? Au contraire! We found some chilled out lounges and delicious food.

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### Live music in an intimate setting

Not a raver but still looking for a night 'out'? Try Das Hotel. It's a bar-cum-jazz club jammed into a shopfront, with a labyrinth of nooks rather than rooms to post up. Enjoy the live jazz and sip whisky. How civilized. (And smoker alert! You can smoke inside here.) Cash only so be prepared.

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# 3

### Unexpected market shopping

The Mauerpark Flohmarkt — "Mauerpark" means "wallpark" and used to be an area enclosed by the Berlin Wall — sells antiques, records, homemade jewelry and more. Top it off with a nod to the city's Turkish population at the massive lunch counter serving eastern delicacies.

Walk to the market by starting at the corner of Bernauer Strasse and Gartenstrasse, and see sections of the wall and the memorial on the way.

Mauerpark Flohmarkt  
mauerparkmarkt.de  
Berlin Wall Memorial  
Bernauer Straße 111  
13355 Berlin-Mitte



### Terrific Asian food?!?!

Balance the famous currywurst with light and spicy meals that surpass your expectations. Popular spot Monsieur Vuong has an achingly small menu (enough to inspire panic when you're first seated) but fast service and knockout Vietnamese pho. Daily specials round out the offering. Local treasure Minh Quang is completely unassuming but inexpensive, fast and great food. Make sure you try the homemade lemonade.

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Minh Quang  
Greifswalder Straße  
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10405 Berlin  
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### There's chilled-out local bars

OD'd on IDM? When you're ready to recover from the raves, take a break from the glo sticks at this sophisticated but relaxed bar. Scotch and Sofa boasts a décor that screams junk sale-meets-Mad Men, but the crowd is diverse and definitely local to the up-and-coming Prenzlauer Berg 'hood. Look for an excellent cocktail menu and generous pours.

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# 2



# A wild time awaits in South Africa

**Touring.** The Travellin' Canadian mixes wine, cheetahs and an ostrich ride on this 12-day adventure



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The wilds of South Africa may not be as far off and

inaccessible as you think, especially if you're willing to get down and dirty and rough it just a tad.

I admit, I'm no stranger to luxury hotels with mints on the pillow, but perhaps it was time to trade room service and pay per view movies for a tent in the middle of the plains.

And I'm all the better for it.

The aptly named "On the Go" tour company offers one adventurous, action-packed 12-day tour, that

takes you out in the wild, and away from the comforts of all those boring five star hotels.

It may not be for the faint hearted, but for the more adventurous it's an unforgettable tour by tent.

I learned a lot from this experience ... for instance, who knew that wine went so well with cheetahs?

Not far from Capetown lies one of South Africa's oldest towns, Stellenbosch, a gorgeous growing region, rich with vineyards and award-winning vino.

Even cooler is the fact that nestled among this picturesque wine country is a sanctuary for one of Africa's deadliest predators, the cheetah.

Luckily these aren't the lightning-fast, zebra-killing kind of cheetahs, but instead the friendly, almost lazy kind.

For a small price you can even pet these lounging cats.

They were so friendly it almost seemed like they'd



These cheetahs like lounging more than hunting. PHOTOS: DARREN PARKMAN

been sampling the wine in the area.

Another highlight of this tour lies in another town with an impressive reputation.

Oudtshoorn has the distinction of being the ostrich capital of the world. Need I say more.

Here, you can actually pet, race and yes, even ride ... you guessed it, big ostriches!

Sadly, you must be under 140 pounds to mount these mammoth birds, so I had to

be content to watch others enjoy the ride.

Luckily, none of the birds stuck their heads in the sand during the run.

Now that could have been painful.

Other highlights on this Garden Route tour include an option to dive with great white sharks, and a visit to Addo Elephant National Park.

With a base price under \$900 for the 12-day tour, it's a good adventure for the money!

## Other cool things to do...

- **Check out Capetown.** Kristenbosch Botanical Gardens, the famous Table Mountain and an impressive outdoor market are just a few of the must-sees in this great city.
- **Visit the DeHoop Nature Reserve.** Home to the rare Cape Mountain Zebra.



You need to be under 140 pounds to ride the ostriches.

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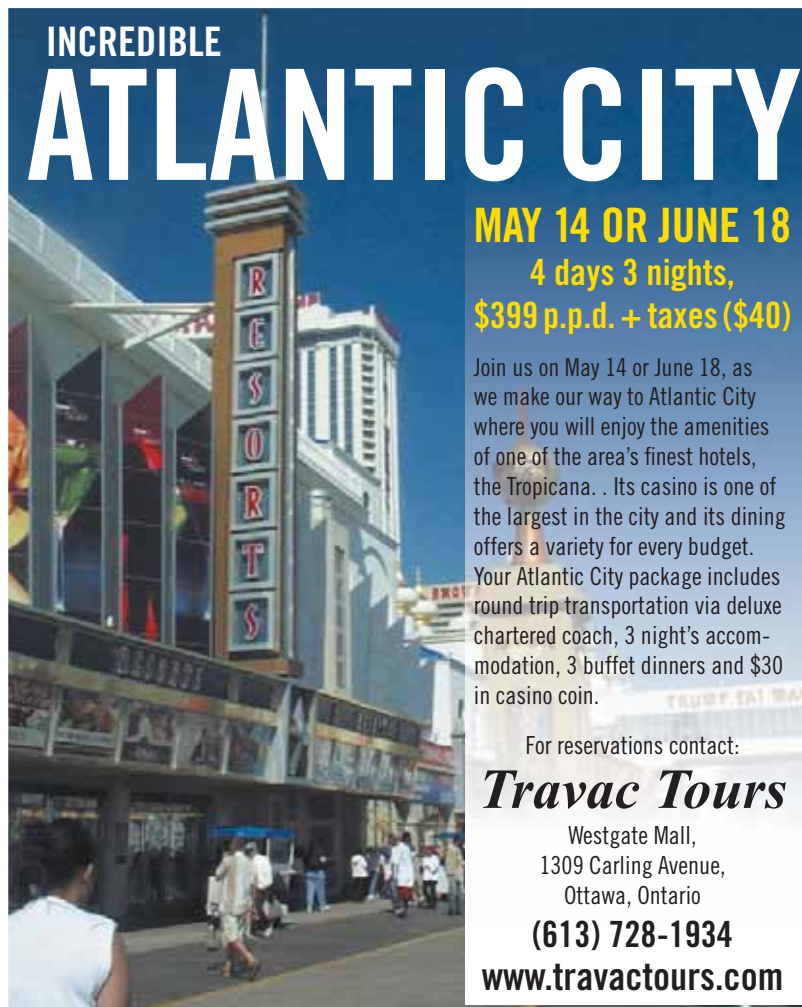
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# Celebrate fresh & light flavours of spring with delicious roasted fare

Look for local lamb at the market or in stores now as spring is always a favourite time of year to cook it up. This recipe is perfect for a Sunday dinner to share with family and friends.

1. In a small bowl, stir together Dijon, rosemary, garlic and olive oil.

2. Place lamb in a roasting pan and rub marinade over entire surface of the lamb. Roast lamb in the centre of a 190 C (375 F) oven for 60 to 90 minutes or until internal temperature reaches

52 C (125 F) at the thickest point for medium rare. Roast longer for desired doneness. Let lamb rest for 30 minutes before slicing.

3. Walnut Salsa: Meanwhile, in a bowl, stir together chopped walnuts, parsley, mint, anchovies, capers, peppercorns, oil, lemon rind and juice until combined. Spoon over sliced lamb to serve.

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## Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh rosemary
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 kg (2 lb) boneless leg of lamb
- Walnut Salsa:**
- 250 ml (1 cup) chopped walnuts
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) each chopped fresh parsley and mint
- 6 anchovy fillets, minced
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) capers, rinsed and chopped
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) green pepper-corns in brine, drained and minced
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) walnut oil
- 10 ml (2 tsp) grated lemon rind
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) lemon juice

## Roasted Lamb



This recipe serves four to six people. THE CANADIAN PRESS HANDOUT

## Drink of the Week

### Chocolate Covered Pretzel

While little kids enjoy chocolate covered pretzels, this is the adult version of the timeless snack.

A mix of luscious Frangelico liqueur and whipped cream flavoured vodka, it's perfect as a sweet and salty shot.

Take the Chocolate Covered Pretzel shot by pouring salt on your hand followed by the drink.

1. Shake with ice, pour into a shot glass. Lick salt then take the Chocolate Covered Pretzel shot.

- 1 oz Frangelico
- 1 oz Pinnacle Whipped Vodka

## SKYY SPIRITS



# Roasted tomatoes employ just the right amount of nuts



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nuts often get a bad rap because of their high fat content. But the fat in most nuts is the healthy unsaturated variety.

The trick is moderation. And because nuts are so rich, moderation can be easy. All that rich flavour means it doesn't take much to feel satisfied. Whether you prefer to incorporate them in a dish, sprinkle them on a salad, or snack them by the handful, they are a great choice for healthy eating.

Nuts generally have a deep-flavour when toasted. To

toast raw nuts, place them on a dry baking sheet and roast for 10 to 12 minutes at 350 F. Keep a close eye on them because they go from toasted to burnt very quickly.

The freezer is the best place to store nuts. All their healthy oils put them at risk for going rancid. Place them in a zip-close plastic bag and squeeze out the air before freezing.

This recipe showcases walnuts in a composed salad of roasted tomatoes and creamy, herbed ricotta cheese. For a

great dinner, serve this alongside a piece of crusty multi-grain bread with some greens and a grilled chicken breast.

1. Heat the oven to 325 F. Place a wire rack over a rimmed baking sheet. Spray the rack with cooking spray.

2. Arrange the tomatoes on the rack, cut sides up. Sprinkle the tomatoes with the salt, sugar and white pepper. Roast for 1 hour. Flip the tomatoes over and roast for another hour,

## Ingredients

- 4 large tomatoes, halved and cored
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 1 cup low-fat ricotta cheese
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh oregano
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- Balsamic vinegar (optional)

or until the tomatoes are soft, wrinkly and have shrunk considerably in size.

3. While the tomatoes are roasting, in a medium bowl stir together the ricotta, basil, thyme and oregano. Set aside to allow the flavours to meld.

4. Serve the herbed ricotta alongside the roasted tomato halves. Sprinkle with toasted walnuts and drizzle lightly with balsamic vinegar, if using.

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## Rosemary-Cider Brined Pork. Perfectly tender



1. In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine salt, sugar, cider, rosemary, thyme and chili powder. Stir just until sugar and salt are dissolved. Let cool completely.

2. In a large resealable plastic bag, combine pork loin and brine solution. Squeeze out any air and seal bag shut. Place in a bowl in case of any leaks, then refrigerate for 24 hours.

3. About 30 minutes before you are ready to cook, heat oven to 180 C (350 F). Place a rack into your roasting pan.

4. Drain pork and discard brine solution. Rinse pork with cool water, then pat it dry with paper towels. Rub surface of

pork with oil and place on the rack. Roast for about 45 minutes or until a thermometer reads 68 C (155 F) at the centre of the pork. Let rest for 15 minutes before slicing.

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## Ingredients

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) kosher salt
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) packed brown sugar
- 500 ml (2 cups) apple cider
- 1 bunch fresh rosemary
- 1 bunch fresh thyme
- 5 ml (1 tsp) chili powder
- 1 pork loin roast (1.8 kg/4 lb)
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) canola oil



# The skill switchover

**You've got a lot to offer.** How to sell your transferable part-time job skills for full-time employment

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I've gone through the interview process countless times and I think the most important piece of advice I can offer is: sell your transferable skills.

After graduating from university or college, many of us do not have the experience we need to land our dream jobs. What we do have, however, is a slate full of entry-level positions which may include server, retail sales associate, fast-food worker, and many other so called "useless jobs."

However, one thing that many of us fail to recognize is that the skills you acquire in all of these jobs will help you become successful in your future career.

## Imagine this scenario

Your interviewer on one side of the desk flipping through your resumé, saying, "So let's go through your past experiences and what you can bring to the table in this position..."

Meanwhile you're on the other side fretting, thinking to yourself, "How am I supposed to highlight my qualifications when I don't have any?" But you do!

Here are a few common jobs students hold, and how to identify transferable skills you can sell in any position:

### Server

You're on your feet all day, remembering orders, juggling



Your hospitality experience can 'serve' you well in the application process. ISTOCK

various tables. This translates to hard working and dedicated, quick learning and an ability to handle various tasks at once. Also constantly dealing with customers of all levels of difficulty builds character and resilience.

### Retail sales associate

You deal with many aspects of daily sales operations from point of sale purchases and returns, to organizing merchandise, to assisting customers in finding suitable products. This translates to the ability to multi-task, you have organ-

izational skills, not to mention always maintaining a positive attitude while helping customers choose that perfect item.

### Fast-food worker

You work in a small area with a million operations going on at once. You have to ensure customer satisfaction, while working with a number of people in providing tasty food and drinks quickly. This translates to the ability to work in a fast-paced environment while accomplishing several tasks at once. This position also screams team work!

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## Student Voice

### Turn one job into one million opportunities

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I graduated from Ryerson University with a Bachelor of Journalism degree in spring 2010 with the hopes of finding a job in the media industry. I started looking for positions in my professional field in May and went through some interviews that didn't lead to anything.

I realized that the biggest obstacle hindering my prospects of finding a job was my experience. Even though I volunteered to write for my school outlets, such as The Eyeopener and McClung's Magazine, I didn't get enough training and exposure to the real world work environment.

Without wasting my time, I researched many companies online using Twitter, Facebook and even YouTube to gather insights on which industry I should tap into. I considered getting an education in public relations and communications but felt I needed some work experience before I decided if that's something I really wanted to get into.

Nonetheless, I finally got my first job at the end of 2010, where I was a Content Writer for a small online company. This job gave me the platform to try and learn new things, including SEO marketing, social media networking and branding. It opened my eyes to different career paths I could take and I became more confident in my job prospects as a growing journalist.

## Where I am now

I recently went back to school to pursue a graduate certificate in Human Resources Management but dropped out of the program because I didn't feel I was ready to change ca-



reers just yet. I volunteered for different online magazines and networked with people in the writing and editing industry.

## My recommendations for employers, schools and career centres

One thing I highly recommend for employers is to look beyond the education and look for any transferable skills a potential candidate may have. Many people who worked at different jobs have acquired multiple skill sets that can be used for another job they apply for. Just because they may not have the degree, training or education doesn't mean their experience doesn't allow them to learn those aspects. What matters is what results they can bring to the company and what value they have as an employee. It's important that prospective workers can apply their knowledge into the work they do, as well as have a solid academic foundation to back it up.

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# Stretch the search stream

**Don't get trapped in one industry.** Dig around outside of your degree type



Look a little closer. A career path you may have never considered could very well catch your eye. ISTOCK

Are you coming out of school with a degree and not sure

where to go next to pursue a career?

A degree in accounting doesn't mean you need to join an accounting firm. A degree in computer science doesn't mean you need to work for a technology company.

Students are too often limiting themselves to a specific industry and not looking out for

the multitude of opportunities available in other industries that are still suited to their training. Think outside the industry box.

"(Students) have their minds set on one specific industry, which can really limit their job opportunities," says Debbie Bottineau, Regional Vice-President of OfficeTeam. There are so many opportunities across a variety of industries that are neglected because people think the jobs don't exist.

She also suggests not limiting yourself by solely focusing on full-time positions. "A lot of employers are looking for hands-on work experience, so don't just focus on full-time opportunities. Look at temporary and contract positions as well."

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## Confusion around crossing the line



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In Canadian workplaces today, sexual harassment is defined by a thin yellow line.

Sexual innuendo that can easily be seen as harmless flirting to one employee, can just as easily be seen as an invitation for a lawsuit, to another.

As sexual harassment is often in the eyes of the beholder, when will an employee's inappropriate comments cost him his job?

Robert Gillam held an important job as a supervisor working on pipeline projects in Western Canada, for Waschuk Pipe Line Construction, a mainly male dominated workplace.

Three females worked at the job site, and one of them just happened to be the daughter of the company's owner.

Gillam felt that the three female employees spent too much time socializing with the male employees and that they were responsible for work not getting done.

As a result, in conversations with other employees, he consistently referred to them in very derogatory terms, blaming them for a number of his problems.

When the women complained that the name calling amounted to harassment, Gillam was warned that his job was on the line.

Although the issue improved for some time, it did not disappear entirely.

When the company's owner later learned that one of the female employees was considering suing the company, he decided that Gillam had to be fired without severance.

Gillam sued arguing that his conduct was not serious enough to justify his dismissal.

At a recent trial, Gil-

lam's case was dismissed. According to the judge, it did not matter that Gillam did not make the derogatory statements directly to the female employees. Since they learned about his statements through others, it poisoned the workplace and qualified as sexual harassment nonetheless.

In the quest to define when an employee's inappropriate comments will amount to sexual harassment, there are some recurring themes:

\* Whether there is a workplace harassment policy and whether its terms have been followed.

\* Whether the employee was warned that the comments were offside. Here, Gillam was warned his behaviour could not be condoned, which contributed to the finding that his case should be dismissed.

\* Whether the employee knew or ought to have known that the comments were unwelcome.

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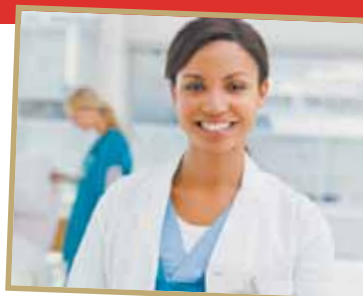
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## NHL

**“Sidney Crosby needs to be in elite shape to perform at the level that he needs to perform at. I haven’t talked to him, but I don’t think he was feeling great. You can’t miss that much time in a season, even Sidney Crosby.”**

Gary Roberts on Tuesday. The former NHLer, who played two seasons with Sidney Crosby in Pittsburgh, said the superstar probably suffered during the Penguins’ first-round loss to the Philadelphia Flyers after coming back from a concussion. Roberts knows about comebacks. He retired at age 30 due to a serious neck injury. But he changed his lifestyle, started to train differently and returned to play a total of 21 seasons.

## NHL playoffs

## Kovalchuk misses Game 2

New Jersey Devils forward Ilya Kovalchuk sat out Tuesday’s Game 2 against the Philadelphia Flyers with an undisclosed lower-body injury. Find out how the Devils fared without their star sniper at [metronews.ca/sports](http://metronews.ca/sports).

## On the web



**Highly touted Nationals slugger Bryce Harper was set to make his big-league home debut in Washington on Tuesday night as an injury fill-in. But Harper looks like he could be the rare 19-year-old who lands a full-time gig in the majors. Scan the code for the story.**

## NBA

## Spurs’ Popovich named top coach

Gregg Popovich was selected as the NBA’s coach of the year on Tuesday after leading the San Antonio Spurs to 50 wins and the No. 1 seed in the Western Conference in the lockout-shortened season. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## CFL

## Teams try on new looks for Year 100

CFL teams will be sporting a different look this season as part of the league’s 100th anniversary celebration.

This week, eight teams are unveiling new re-engineered jerseys created by Reebok. The East Division squads donned their new uniforms



Jeff Johnson tries on his new Argos jersey in Toronto on Tuesday. **AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Tuesday with the Western clubs unveiling theirs Wednesday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Olympic swimming

## Norwegian dies after cardiac arrest

Alexander Dale Oen, a world champion who was one of Norway’s top hopes for the 2012 Olympics, died from cardiac arrest late Monday in his bathroom during a training camp in Flagstaff, Ariz. He was 26. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## NBA



**“You’re still the best team in the NBA until an opponent proves otherwise.”**

Chicago Bulls great Scottie Pippen in an open letter to his former team on Tuesday. The Bulls lost superstar point guard Derrick Rose to a season-ending knee injury on Saturday.

# Heating up with less ice time

**NHL.** Capitals captain Ovechkin still scoring big goals while spending more time on bench

Alex Ovechkin’s ice time keeps shrinking in the playoffs, plummeting to a career-low 13 1/2 minutes in Game 2 of the Washington Capitals’ Eastern Conference semifinal against the New York Rangers.

Seems to be working so far. With the series tied 1-1 and shifting to Washington for Game 3, a major topic of conversation is how little the two-time MVP Ovechkin is playing. Despite the reduced action, Washington’s captain managed to net the winning goal on a power play in Game 2.

“To be honest, it’s not even something that we notice. We don’t go down the sheet at the end of the game and say, ‘How much did ‘Ovi’ play?’” Capitals defenceman Karl Alzner said Tuesday. “You know he wants to play more, and he’s frustrated by not playing 20 minutes. But he doesn’t care — he wants to win that game.”

No one on the Capitals has scored more goals this post-



The Capitals greet Alex Ovechkin after his game-winner in New York on Monday. **KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

season than Ovechkin’s three. And he leads the team with six points, too.

But coach Dale Hunter is hiding Ovechkin on the bench for long stretches at a time, especially when the Capitals are trying to protect a lead.

In the regular season, Ovechkin topped Washington’s

forwards, averaging 19:48 of ice time and 16:08 at even-strength. In the playoffs, he ranks third, and his numbers are down to 19:08 and 15:23.

In Monday night’s 3-2 win in New York, Ovechkin’s 10:36 of even-strength time was eighth among Washington’s 12 forwards — and was nearly six

minutes less than Jay Beagle.

“We’ve got guys like Beagle, (Jason) Chimera and (Matt Hendricks) that are looked at when we’re leading in a game to maintain that lead,” forward Troy Brouwer said. “Alex knows that, and he has to accept that.”

Whether Ovechkin’s diminished role is due to an inability

## Quoted

**“Sometimes, if you’re not (out) there, you feel like you’re not in (the) game, but if you have 10-second shift or five-second shift, you just have to go there and do something. It’s kind of hard.”**

Alex Ovechkin after Game 2 in New York.

or unwillingness to play the safe, defensive hockey Hunter seeks or a result of something else, it’s tough to argue with the results. After all, the Capitals got past the reigning Stanley Cup champion Boston Bruins in a tight-as-can-be first round.

And now Hunter’s Capitals are even with the top-seeded Rangers.

“He’s coaching the situations. He’s playing certain guys. If we’re down a goal, (Ovechkin is) going to be our main guy. He’s going every other shift. If we’re up a goal, then Dale tends to lean on other guys. That’s the way it is,” forward Mike Knuble said. “For now it’s working and we’re going to run with it.”

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## NBA

## Stoudemire’s rage proves costly to Knicks

Amare Stoudemire had a muscle in his left hand repaired Tuesday and will not play for the New York Knicks in Game 3 of their first-round playoff series against the Miami Heat on Thursday.

Stoudemire was badly cut when he punched the case surrounding a fire extinguisher after the Knicks’ 104-94 loss in Miami.

Stoudemire apologized on his Twitter account for the act, which leaves the Knicks without another key player while already in a 2-0 series hole. Jeremy Lin is recovering from knee surgery and Iman Shumpert is out for the season after tearing a knee ligament in Game 1. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Alexander Radulov, top, and Andrei Kostitsyn. **TOP: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE**  
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what Radulov and Kostitsyn did, saying any hint would give away what they did. He called their behaviour unfortunate and selfish.

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## Clemens trial. ‘Roger had mentioned ... he had taken HGH.’ Pettitte recalls

Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens sat some 20 feet apart, Pettitte on the witness stand and Clemens at the defence table trying to avoid going to jail. The topic: A remark about human growth hormone Pettitte recalled hearing from his long-time teammate, mentor and workout partner a dozen years ago.

“Roger had mentioned to me that he had taken HGH,” Pettitte testified. “And that it could help with recovery, and that’s really all I remember about the conversation.”

Pettitte went on to acknowledge that the words were said in passing during an intense workout.

It was an awkward reunion for the former Yankees Tuesday, Day 8 in the retrial of char-



Andy Pettitte leaves court Tuesday in Washington, DC. **WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES**

ges that Clemens lied when he told Congress in 2008 that he never used steroids or HGH.

Pettitte and Clemens haven’t spoken recently because of the trial, but Pettitte nevertheless said he found it difficult to testify because he still considers Clemens a good friend. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**





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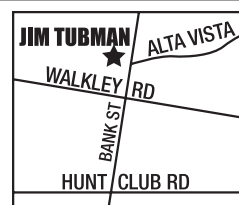
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The under-hood changes will really rock Fusion fans.

### Plenty of engine options

The car joins the Hyundai Sonata and 2013 Chevrolet Malibu in abandoning its V6 option, but there are now no fewer than five distinctive engine picks, including two gasoline-electric hybrid systems, as well as front- and all-wheel-drive availability. Price-leading models get a 170-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine.

### 2013 Ford Fusion

- **Type.** Four-door, front-all-wheel-drive mid-size sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (170); 1.6-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (179); 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (237); 2.0-litre I4 with electric motor (185 net).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** \$23,500 (est.).

### Plenty of assistance

Ford is also introducing a full assortment of available communications and safety content, such as a keep-you-in-line lane-monitoring system, keep-your-distance adaptive cruise control, confidence-boosting parking spot assist, and a shoulder-check-replacing blind-spot system.

### Fuel economy

The 179-horsepower 1.6-litre turbocharged "Ecoboost" engine earns a top rating of 9.0 l/100 km city and 6.4 highway, aided by technology that shuts off the engine when the vehicle is stopped, then instantaneously restarts it once the brake pedal is released. Those are decent numbers, but the fuel-economy leaders are the two hybrid models.

**Review.** For 2013, there's a whole new bag of tricks, new looks and a plug-in hybrid model. Ford, you have our attention.

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The next-generation Ford Fusion is more than a new mid-size sedan; it's really the marriage of high-fashion style with league-leading fuel economy. Oh, and some significant technological treats are also coming along for the ride.

The Fusion's latest power-train array borders on overwhelming, seemingly geared for a world where gasoline prices threaten to reach stratospheric levels.

But if content is king, then the other half of this royal equation is the king's new apparel. The Fusion's January

launch at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Mich., caused palpable buzz amongst the assembled media. The dramatic sweep of the roofline suggests kinship with the Audi A7, Volkswagen CC and CLS-class Mercedes-Benz, while the open-mouth grille veers 180-degrees from the current triple-bar fixture. Simply put, the Fusion will possibly be the classiest-looking mid-size sedan on the road when it goes on sale in the third quarter of 2012.

The Fusion's high fashion extends to the cabin where passengers are greeted with fancier trim, comfier seats and a freshly pressed control panel. Ford says that passenger space has increased by re-locating the dashboard closer to the windshield.

With near-revolutionary improvements in looks and content, Ford appears determined to become the leading innovator within the mid-size sedan pack and at the same time improve its standing in that ultra-competitive segment.



The Fusion's control panel is very typical of the high-quality design coming from most automakers. You can't tell, but the dashboard is closer to the windshield than before, which creates more room.



A look at the rear of the 2013 Ford Fusion.

### By comparison



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# Tempering spring optimism

## Autopilot



**AUTO PILOT**  
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Some wise person once said, "No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn."

The sentiment assumes spring rules and winter drools.

Not saying the assumption is wrong, just that it could be more nuanced. There are dark sides to everything, even to some of the wonderful things wrought by spring.

Pollen, for instance, eventually brings a glorious greening to trees and their ilk, but not before it sneaks en masse into various entry points in my head, and does an Occupy Wall Street in my sinus cavities.

There is also a dark side to the optimism generally associated with spring renewal. While it's possible for everyone to be optimistic, it's not possible for everyone to be on the winning side of whatever they are optimistic about. Just ask Canadian hockey fans. The puck hit the fan so to speak, at every Canadian NHL franchise this spring. And just to mangle that metaphor a bit more, that puck not only got chewed up in the fan, it ultimately killed the fan too, but not before the dying fan spit the puck back and right into the new flat screen TV, which also died an untimely death. Basically, spring equals death.

I'm only in this mood because one my favourite spring car rituals didn't turn out too well this past week-end.

I always look forward to firing up my old Jaguar



Spring is not kind to everyone. Just ask these Toronto Maple Leaf fans. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

every spring, after its long winter slumber. It's always great to once again breathe in its intoxicating mixture of gas, old leather, and oily metal, reacquaint myself with its lovely sheet metal, and hear the engine cough and spurt before smoothing out to a satisfying low and even rumble.

This year there was a large puddle of brake fluid under the Jaguar. Usually there is some, but this was over the top. No brakes.

Oh well, I'll start the engine at least. It fired right up. I tilted the "bonnet" forward to examine the engine while it warmed up. As soon as I did that I could smell

raw gas, and then could see gas pouring out of the front carburettor. A stuck float probably. The usual remedy, hitting the bottom of the float bowl gently but firmly with a rubber hammer, didn't work. So then I tried hitting my head with the rubber hammer. That didn't work either.

I shut the engine off.

Instead of that first great drive of the season, I had one big mess to clean up, and two mechanical problems to sort out. And I just spent the first part of the day doing income tax returns.

A lot of renewal happens in the spring, but old cars

just get older.

I cleaned up the mess the best I could, put the cover back on the car, and went back in the house. Got a beer and watched the end of the Blue Jays game, which just happens to be another spring ritual of mine from time to time, and a much more dependable one too.

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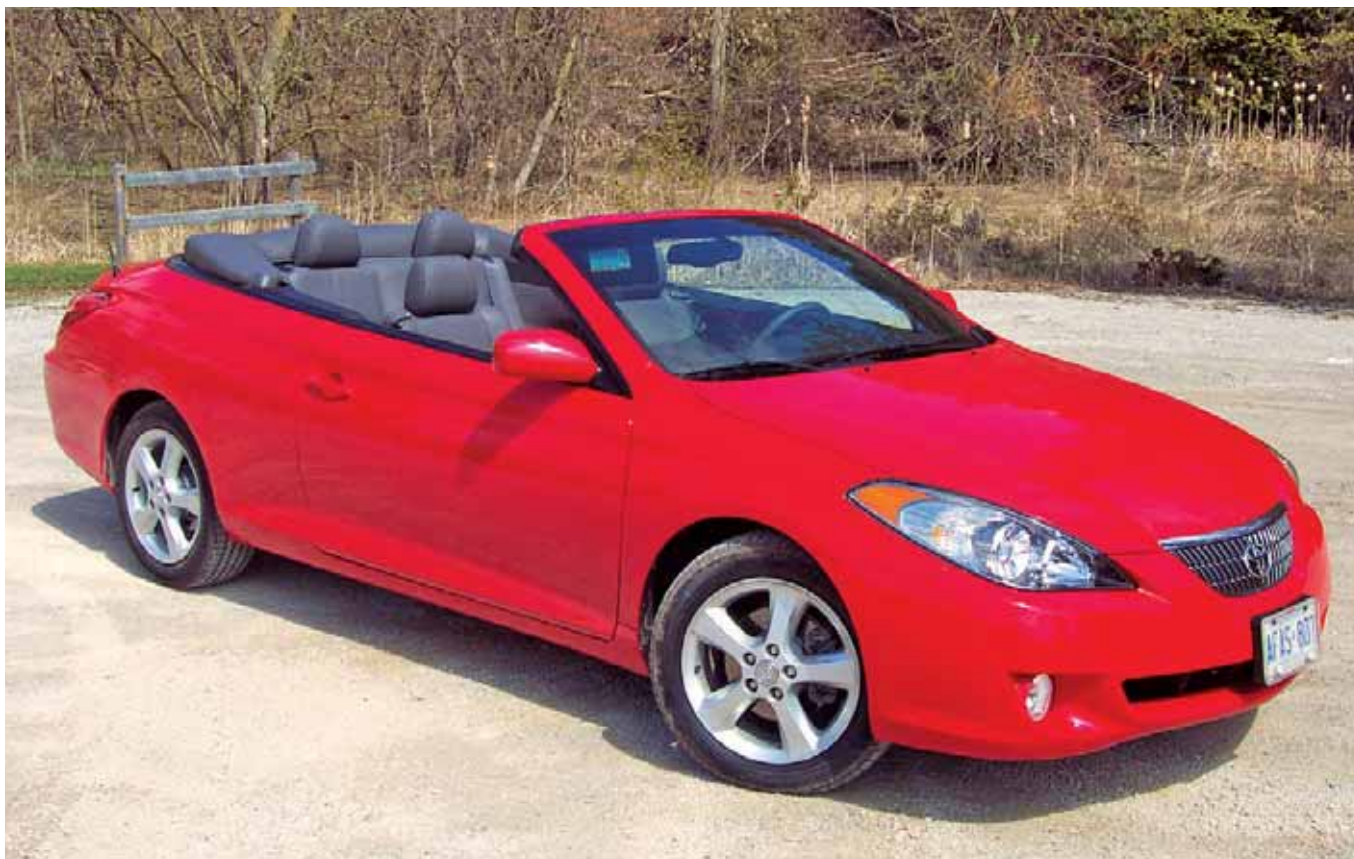
With an attempt at injecting some fun and excitement into the Toyota Camry lineup, the Toyota Camry Solara (Toyota Solara for short) turned the automaker's reliable and well-loved Camry into a two-door coupe or convertible. Intended for shoppers after a more personal motoring experience, the second-generation Solara debuted as a 2004 model, and has now transitioned into used-car territory.

### Common issues

Checking out a Solara Convertible? Inspect the roof mechanism thoroughly. Rips, tears, abrasions and duct-tape patches are all bad signs. Inspect the area where the roof stores for signs of rust, mildew or moisture, which could indicate a leak.

Soak the car aggressively in a coin-operated spray-and-wash to inspect for leaks. Some owners have reported leaks through the convertible top, as well as a tendency for water collected on the roof to drip into the cabin when the doors are opened.

Lumpy or sporadic acceleration may be the result of a bad engine sensor, and any hard shifting from the transmission is likely a computer-related issue that requires reprogramming of the gearbox's electronic 'brain.'



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### Engine



Look for four or six-cylinder power with output between approximately 160 and 230 horsepower, respectively, and automatic transmissions all around. All models were front-wheel drive.

### What owners like



Most Solara owners rave about relatively generous trunk space, sharp looks, good gas mileage and an easy-to-use convertible top.

A smooth ride, spoiling looks and a comfortable interior round out the package.

### What owners dislike



Most owners say the Solara is more set up for touring than sportiness — and that handling is less than inspiring.

A few owners also report squeaks and rattles as the car ages.

### Verdict

A well-maintained Solara should prove to be a sensible, relatively spacious and easy-to-live-with machine.

Note that the lighter and less complicated coupe model should offer up better handling and a quieter ride, if you're not dead set on a drop-top.

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"That didn't change much until about the 1970s, with the advent of CAD (computer-aided design)," he says.

"Instead of drawing boards, you used a computer to draw what you used to do by hand. It did minimal computations. It just gave you a different tool to do your sketching."

The flat design had to be transformed into 3D, and in



A research tire tread made by a computerized plastic printer.

the earlier days, this meant hand-carving the pattern into a plaster mold. The next development was computer-aided manufacturing. The design would be programmed into a machine that produced

an exact 3D replica with a computer-guided cutting head.

Today, computers can render perfect virtual versions.

"It's actually created in 3D space in the computer,"

Sehm says. "Drawings are no longer required to design, manufacture or even validate something that you make. We're looking at 3D pictures on the computer, and all the characteristics that you build into that picture are the same characteristics that you want on a tire."

Still, while the computer screen is showing a perfect three-dimensional rendition of a tire, "a lot of people have problems visualizing in 3D space," Sehm says.

An actual rendition of the design is still created, but today, it's likely to be made on a 3D printer. These machines

use print heads just as your computer printer does, but instead of ink, they deposit layers of material — plastics, polymer or ceramics — and slowly build up the finished product.

This gives designers the ability to examine the 3D design and determine if they've achieved their goals.

Once the design is good to go, it's off to the next stage of production.

"The big thing is time," Sehm says.

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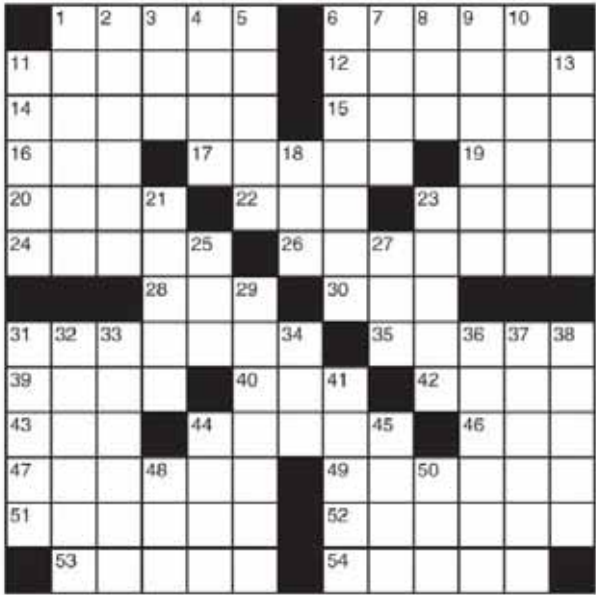
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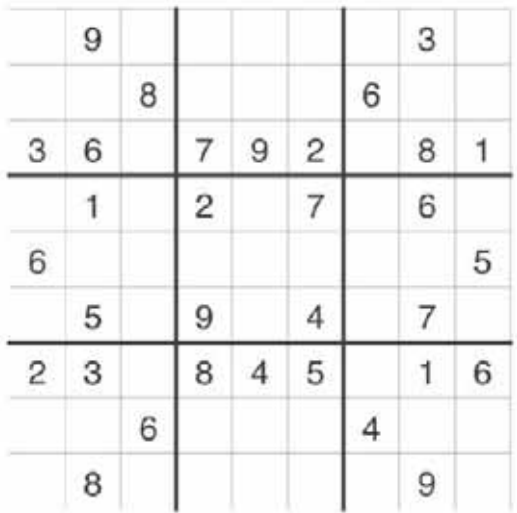
- 1 Serf  
6 Actor Fernando  
11 Appetizer  
12 Inventor — Graves Otis  
14 Wastes no time  
15 Spurts forth  
16 New Haven collegian  
17 Assertion  
19 “Go, team!”  
20 Cribbage gizmos  
22 Diplomatic agt.  
23 Bear lair  
24 Bert’s pal  
26 Egg white  
28 Apply Brylcreem  
30 Mess up  
31 Relax briefly  
35 “Hi” in Hilo  
39 Writer Kingsley  
40 Bumped into  
42 Eventual statue  
43 Android, for short  
44 Give private lessons  
46 Parched  
47 No teetotalers  
49 Advertises  
51 “Sing some more!”  
52 Construction pieces  
53 Dilutes  
54 Small change

Down

- 1 Van  
2 Pulver’s rank  
3 — -di-dah  
4 Cartel acronym  
5 Induction motor pioneer  
6 Easy to read  
7 Grad  
8 “— for the million ...”  
9 Religious retreat  
10 Make a bundle  
11 Thin pancake  
13 Wan  
18 “I — Rock”  
21 Factions  
23 Ringlets  
25 Corrode  
27 Monokini’s lack  
29 Puzzles  
31 Dinette necessity  
32 Quantity  
33 Tackiness  
34 Bottom line  
36 Trite  
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44 Gull’s cousin  
45 Hayseed  
48 — polloi  
50 D.C. title



Sudoku



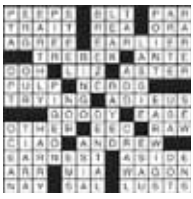
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2	9	5	4	8	1	3	8	7
7	1	3	2	8	9	6	4	5
6	7	2	3	9	8	5	1	4
1	4	8	5	7	6	2	9	3
5	3	9	1	4	2	8	7	6
4	5	1	9	2	3	7	6	8
3	2	6	8	1	7	4	5	9
9	8	7	6	5	4	1	3	2

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

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This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

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VKLC KV VPANWEYR WLC  
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RWS AE'R HWPXRAB HKPRXAB.  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT A  
PERSON CALL FOLKS WHO ARE SMOOTHING  
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**♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.**  
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**♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.**  
You will be romantic today. Surprise the object of your affection with a gift you know will be appreciated.  
**♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.**  
A few kind words from you could make all the difference to someone today. It's time to kiss and make up.  
**♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.**  
The facts and figures may be on your side but that does not necessarily mean you are going to win the argument.

**♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.**  
Someone you find attractive could have a negative affect on your money situation today. Don't fall for the charm of a pretty face.  
**♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.**  
Anything routine or predictable will turn you off. Put chores and duties off until another day.  
**♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.**  
Is a friend really loyal to you, or is it just an act to get what they want? According to the planets it may be the latter, so be on your guard.  
**♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.**  
Someone you usually find it quite hard to get along with is trying to be nice to you. End the hostility.

**♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.**  
You enjoy surprises. That's good, as there will be a flood of them coming your way over the next 24 hours.  
**♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20.**  
It's not often you get caught up with a new fad or fashion but something has seized hold of your imagination and won't let go. Enjoy it.  
**♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18.**  
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**♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.**  
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Gold Bars | Buy Price

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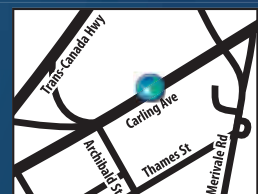
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